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SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I pay attention to what we do. And no matter how boring, tedious, or aggravating discussion of a bill becomes, if I have an interest in it, I'm going to participate in that discussion, and I may be contributing to the aggravation. But when we get through, we're going to have a better product than we would have had otherwise. How much time do I have, Mr. President?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, if you want to be collegial, you could extend that by 5 minutes, and I think that's within your prerogative, unless somebody is going to give me some time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Janssen, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers is determined to get to the end of this day, so I thought I would just distribute to you some material that doesn't relate to this bill but relates, actually, to LB 872, which is the next bill down the line. I think LB 872 is settled with regard to the cap and the trading program relating to I think that we're not going to discuss that anymore. And different environmental groups have different attitudes towards these kinds of cap and trade programs, and sometimes environmental groups, like all other groups, tend to exaggerate, tend to make their point in stronger terms than is necessary or sometimes even appropriate. But they share that in common. But there are a lot of things that they do that are quite well done, and very much to the point, and understandable, and very, very relevant. And you may have understood from the debate on cap and trade that the Sierra Club didn't think that such a program, as it related to mercury, was a very good idea. And so I wanted just to pass out to you some materials that they passed out to me, which basically summarizes their...the things to be thought about in terms of the cap and trade program as it